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Some THOUGHTS *on* GAMING, LOTTERIES, IDLENESS, BUSINESS, *&c.*

AS 'tis impoſſible to procure any *conſtant durable* Good, or to preſerve our *Happineſs*, without preſerving our *Honeſty*; ſo 'tis extremely difficult to preſerve our *Honeſty*, without preſerving *our Fortunes*; and living within thoſe Bounds and Limits which *Nature and Reaſon* have plainly mark'd out to us. For to *wiſely* is Nature conſtituted, that there is no departing from *her Laws*, without departing from *our own Happineſs*. The Voice of *Nature* or *Reaſon* (for they are all one) is the Voice of *Pleaſure*; *her Ways are Ways of Pleaſantneſs, and all her Paths are Peace*; but the *leaſt Deviation* from Reaſon is a Step into Miſery. Every *Vice* is cloſely and *naturally* connected with *Evil*; and tho' the *Crafty and Powerful* may provide and guard better againſt *the Conſequences* of wrong Conduct; yet Nature, ever Wiſe, will find them out, and preſerve the Dignity of her Inſtitutions, by puniſhing the Offender; for, in ſpite of all their *Cunning and Power*, Virtue will be its own Reward, and Vice its own Puniſhment. Every Vice *naturally* leſſens a Man's Happineſs, and deprives him of his *real greateſt Good*; but the *Vice of Gaming* makes ſuch Inroads, and commits ſuch Ravages upon *our Fortunes* and *our Honeſty*, that 'tis impoſſible to preſerve our *Happineſs*. All other Vices make *ſure*, tho' *ſlower* Approaches to our Deſtruction, but *This* breaks in upon us all at once: It rolls like a Torrent down a Precipice, and there is no reſiſting its all devouring Force. *Gaming* deſtroys the *Mind*, the *Body*, and the *Eſtate*: It *contracts* the Soul, and narrows the Genius: It gives us a Diſreliſh to all the Pleaſures of a more noble and generous, a more exalted, and durable Kind. This *ſtrong violent* Love of Gain *levels* all Perſons, and *confounds* all Things. We never diſtinguiſh Friends from Foes; the Good from the Bad; nor the Poor from the Rich: Gaming *hardens* the Heart, and *ſteels* the Soul againſt every *Benevolent Impreſſion*: It ſwallows up Humanity and good Nature; and makes a Man *abſolutely ſelfiſh*, tho' that Self be built upon the Ruin of *innocent Families*, and the Miſery of thoſe whom we eſteem'd, and who *deſerved* our Eſteem. *Gaming* does not only vitiate and *corrupt the Mind*, by putting us upon a thouſand mean Things which our Souls abhorr'd, but it deſtroys *our Health*; for that *conſtant Anxiety* of Mind, that *ſtrong painful Concern* for the Event, and the ſitting up whole Nights, to recover a loſing Hand, *wears out* the Body, as thoroughly and effectually as it *debaſes and contracts* the Soul. But then, as to the *Eſtate and Fortunes*, What Havock does it make? There is no Eſtate large enough to ſupport a Gameſter; and if it was, Why ſhould a Man who has a *certain Income*, within which he can live handſomely, put *that Certainty to Hazard?* We ſhould not wonder, That a Man who is worth nothing, who ſtands naked in the World, and is bereft of all *the Means of Subſiſtence*, ſhould try his Fortune; for he *may get*, but can't *loſe*; his greateſt *Bleſſing* is, he can't be *curs'd*: But that a Man, who has all the Means of *a rational and manly* Happineſs within his own Power, ſhould put thoſe Means upon the *Chance of a Dye*, and leave it to *Fortune*, or to the Winds, whether he ſhall continue to *poſſeſs* them, or be *eternally deprived* of them, is a Pitch of Madneſs that we ſhould not think Men capable of, was it not evident to our Senſes.

This Madneſs of our Countrymen, (who uſed to be a ſober, frugal, induſtious Race of People,) takes its Riſe from our *growing Luxury*; and that Luxury, in a great Meaſure, from the *South Sea* Year; when Perſons in Authority, and at the Helm of Affairs, *led* the Nation into *Gaming and Miſery*; gave them a general corrupt Taſte; vitiated their Minds; turn'd them from the *ſlow*, but *ſure* Way of getting Money by *Labour and Buſineſs*; and put them on the fooliſh Expectation of being *Rich at once*, to ſupport that Luxury which they ſo ſhamefully and ingloriouſly plac'd before their Eyes. Tho', if Men could obtain this Wealth *in a Moment*, which they ſo anxiouſly deſire, and ſpring up Rich *all at once*, it would ſignify very little towards their Happineſs: They would probably be as far, if not farther from it than before. For if we judge of Men by *Experience*, (the ſureſt Way of judging) we ſhall find, that what is *got at once*, is generally *ſpent at once*: What is got without *Thought or Deſign*, is ſpent too without Thought or Deſign. 'Tis the Nature of Man, that what we take no Pains for, we don't value; what we obtain eaſily, we as eaſily throw away; and, perhaps, 'twould be difficult to name an Eſtate *got by Gaming*, which ever deſcended to Poſterity, if it laſted the Gameſter's Life. But, if they had Senſe enough to preſerve what they had got, this *ſudden Accumulation* of Wealth and (as they vainly imagine) *Honour* too, dazles their Souls, and puts out the Light of their Underſtandings: It throws them upon a Way of Living ſo *different* from what they ever experienced, that they *live in a Maze*, perpetually run into Extravagancies of one Kind or other, fly from Pleaſure to Pleaſure, contract Diſtempers, leſſen all the *natural reaſonable* Joys of Life, and *haſten Death*; who is truly the *King of Terrors* to them, as they abound in *Wealth* and *Luxury*, and *Confuſion of Thought*, cauſed by that Wealth and Luxury.

Theſe *Upſtart Gentlemen*, or Gentlemen of *Fortune*, being ſeldom Men of Education, or *Maſters of the Science of Life*, wander into a thouſand Errors; and neither *decently nor rationally* enjoy what other Perſons, who were born to the Expectation of Eſtates, or who obtain'd them by Care and Labour, enjoy with ſo much Eaſe and Satisfaction.

The *natural Life* of Man is *Labour or Buſineſs*; Riches is an *unnatural* State; and therefore, generally a *State of Miſery*. There is more Pleaſure upon the whole, by *being obliged to act*, than to lie under *no Obligation* at all; beſides, when a Man gets his Wealth *by Degrees*, he enjoys it by Degrees; he makes a *proportionable Progreſs* in Pleaſure, and travels on from one Degree of Happineſs to another; ſo that the Number of his Pleaſures encreaſes with the *Number of his Days* Life, which is a Drug in the Hands of *idle Men*, or Gentlemen, never hangs heavily upon the Hands of Merchants and Tradeſmen; nor do I know any Sett of Men in the Kingdom ſo well turn'd or ſo happily *ſituated for Pleaſure* as the Men of Buſineſs in *London*; who ſo judiciouſly divide their Time between City and Country, and ſo elgantly enjoy in one Place what they ſo honeſtly and pleaſantly go in another.

This is ſo true, That the *greateſt Happineſs* ariſes from the *ſlow Progreſſive Way* of buſineſs, that a *wiſe Man* would never leave his Children ſo much Money as to put them *beyond Induſtry*; for that is too often putting them *beyond Happineſs*. Let it ſuffice, that they enter the World with ſuch a moderate Fortune, that, *with Labour and Application*, they may live well, and enjoy all which a reaſonable Man would deſire; and that's enough: But the fooliſh ridiculous *Vanity of Tradeſmen*, to leave their Sons *Gentlemen*, hath deſtroy'd the *Happineſs of the Fathers, and of the Sons too*: The Fathers have loſt theirs by *too great Anxiety and Parſimony*; and their Sons were deprived of their Happineſs by *Idleneſs, Luxury*, and all thoſe Vices which young Men, with a great deal of Money, and little Senſe or Experience, *naturally* run into. So that *heaping up Riches* for our Poſterity, is, generally ſpeaking, *heaping up Deſtruction*; and entailing of *large Eſtates*, entailing *Vice and Miſery*,

From *the Truth* of what hath been ſaid, it follows, That if the Gameſter is *ſucceſsful*, (which is not the Caſe of One in a Thouſand) he is often ruin'd; his very Gain is a Loſs, and his Succeſs deſtroys him. He would have been far more happy, had he been *train'd to Buſineſs*; and obtain'd his Wealth, by *ſlow Degrees*, in ſuch an honeſt Way of Trade, that his Riches were not built upon another Man's *Poverty*; but that other Men might live, and *get Eſtates too*, by what he gets his Eſtate; and ſo the *Happineſs is mutual*: 'tis dealt round from Hand to Hand; and the *Good of the Whole* neceſſarily ariſes from the *Good of every Individual* thus *happily depending* upon one another: *Happily* depending, I ſay; for by this *mutual and univerſal Dependence*, there is infinitely more Happineſs to every ſingle Man, than by a *State of Independency*.

Theſe Thoughts were occaſion'd by *the preſent Lottery*; which, notwithſtanding *the Miſeries and Deva ſtation* of the *South-Sea* Year, plainly diſcovers the *Temper of the People* to be the ſame; and that they would run into the *ſame Exceſſes*, had they the *ſame Opportunities*. The *Spring and Source* of this *unreaſonable Paſſion* of getting Money enough, *at once*, to ſerve 'em all their Lives, is the *Luxury of the Age*. Exceſſes of all Kinds grow among the Trading Part of the Nation; which I am ſorry to ſay, becauſe they are certainly the *moſt uſeful* Part of the Nation; and uſed to be the *moſt virtuous too*. But they have got a wrong Turn; they will commence *Gentlemen*, when they ſhould be *only Tradeſmen*; *Men of Pleaſure*, or *half Men of Pleaſure*, when they ſhould be *totally Men of Buſineſs*: They *begin* where they ſhould *end*: They will, in the *Infancy* of their Trade, and before they have made their Fortunes, be *abſent* from their Buſineſs two or three Days in a Week; which, beſides the *ill Effects* this has upon their Families, contracts an *Habit of Idleneſs and Pleaſure*: They come home with a *Diſinclination* to their Duty; do it in haſte, and wiſh 'twas over: Their Souls are ſomewhere elſe; and they are *abſent* from Buſineſs, even while they *are in it*. This is the melancholy Caſe; and this induces 'em to lay hold of every Opportunity of ſhaking off their Buſineſs: This makes 'em run a madding *after Lotteries*; and this throws Men of Senſe, Wealth, and Honeſty too, amongſt Blockheads, Beggars, and Raſcals, (whom they would bluſh to be ſeen with at any other Time,) all upon the Stretch; and putting themſelves *in the Way of Fortune*, as they call it, which is only another Phraſe for *the Way of Fools*. What a Rendezvous of Wretches are here! who, borrowing in twenty Places Money enough to purchaſe a Ticket at twice or three times the Value, rob their Maſters, or pick Pockets to get it up again; and others more honeſt, who diſtreſs themſelves and Families for a Year, under the ſtrong Deluſion and wild Infatuation of getting 10,000 l. in a Moment. By this Means alſo, Buſineſs is neglected; Poverty, Vice, and Miſery ſpread among the People; and *a wrong Turn* given to Mens Minds, which influences them all their Lives.

For *theſe Reaſons* all Lovers of their Country hope that the Parliament, who are the Guardians of the People's *Happineſs* as well as of their *Liberties*, will never come into *another Lottery*, unleſs the Neceſſities of the Government abſolutely require it. *Gaming* ſhould be ſo far from being encourag'd, that the Legiſlature ought to take all poſſible Methods to prevent its Growth, for it has taken Root among all Orders and Degrees, all Ranks and Conditions of Men, and even among the Ladies themſelves, who put their *Health*, their *Beauty*, and their *Happineſs*, if not their *Virtue*, to hazard; what Heart is there ſo ſteel'd againſt all Humanity, as to be able to think of that unfortunate young Lady at the *Bath*, without dropping a Tear? who, *ruin'd by Gaming*, rather than part with *her Virtue*, or ſubmit to a *mean Dependence* upon others, thought it beſt to *reſign Life itſelf*.

This *modern Practice* of the Ladies don't only relate to themſelves, it has a terrible Effect upon their Children and Families. No wonder there's ſuch Complaint of the Vices of the preſent Age, when there's *no Government nor Order* in Families; when the Maſters and Miſtreſſes are gone their ſeveral Ways *a Pleaſure-hunting*, and the Ship is left without a Guide to ſteer its Courſe, and direct its Voyage. In ſhort, the *Fate of the Nation* ſeems very much to depend upon putting a Stop to this deſtructive Practice of Gaming; for which

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Reaſon the Repreſentatives of the Nation will, no doubt, take all Methods, within the Reach of humane Wiſdom and Power, to prevent all Exceſſes of this kind for the future, and ſave the People from Ruin, by *juſt* Laws and *honeſt* Examples.

SOCRATES.

To the Author of the LONDON JOURNAL.

SIR,

THE following Lines are Part of a Poem I have ſeen in manuſcript. They relate to the preſent Times, and contain the Characters of the Two Eminent Writers againſt the Court. I'm willing to leave the Merit of 'em to the Publick, and therefore deſire you'll print them. I am

Your's, &c.

AN endleſs War of Words let *Manlius* wage,
And in the Pangs of Diſappointment rage;
Let him with *Edric*, thrice prov'd Traytor, try
To give the Truth, that ſhines like Light, the Ly;
With weekly Traſh let them the State reviſe:
Bleeding and maim'd the Vipers gnaw the File.
Nature, in all her Works, ne'er join'd before
A Pair to Slander prone, or Treaſon, more
Than fiery *Manlius* and than *Edric* cool;
Artful the laſt, the firſt not quite a Fool.
Edric was born of an illuſtrious Race,
Of Her who bore Him, and his Sire's Diſgrace;
The Byaſs of his Soul to Treaſon lay;
When Profit call'd He would his Prince betray,
Would ſell his Country to his fierceſt Foes;
And plot *their* Fall beneath *whoſe* Smiles He roſe:
From Place to Place, the Wretch, by Fortune toſs'd,
Found, in th' Event, his Expectations croſs'd;
Yet He, regardleſs of the Perils paſs'd,
Was always falſe to thoſe who ſerv'd him laſt.
As the bright Orb on *Clara*'s Hand that ſhines,
Rich with the Growth of orient Mines,
Contains a Diamond of the larger Size,
Around whoſe Blaze the leſſer Gems ariſe,
So in the Seat of Vices, *Edric*'s Breaſt,
Treaſon exults ſuperior to the reſt;
Ten thouſand Crimes in Embryo fill the Room;
But Treaſon reigns, and horrid makes the Gloom.
Whoring and Drinking are no more than Play;
The *Buſineſs* of his Soul is to *betray*;
And on he went betraying, till his Fall
Made him a Proverb, and abhorr'd by all:
So ſtrong the Luſt of Treaſon in the Elf,
Now none will truſt him, he betrays himſelf;
He ſcribbles Libels, now his Treaſons fail;
And ſhews he has, at leaſt, the Pow'r to *rail*.
Plebeian *Manlius*, to be thought a *Thing*
Of ſome Renown, dares to traduce his King;
Nature has join'd to his unſeemly Pride
Edric's Ambition, but his Wit deny'd:
That in a Sphere he mov'd, in former Days,
Beneath *Camillus* was his foremoſt Praiſe;
That now he ſtrives to damn him into Fame
Is the moſt laſting, and his greateſt, Shame:
He in the Senate grows ſo raſhly bold
As to attack the Throne, and act the Scold;
To ſpread his Folly, he commits to Sale
Whole Reams of Treaſon in a Goſſip's Tale:
Where-e'er he goes the merry Scoffers near,
And the loud Laugh of Scorn torments his Ear.
On him Ingratitude has fix'd her Brand;
And o'er him Juſtice holds her vengeful Hand;
Yet he proceeds without or Wit or Dread,
Deaf to the Thunder rowling o'er his Head.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

Hulſt, *Oct.* 29.

ON Thurſday Night laſt, ſeveral the moſt cruel Villanies were committed in this Neighbourhood, that ever was heard of. One ſingle Rogue murder'd ſix Perſons one after another, all in a Houſe, though they reſiſted him; and afterwards ſet the Houſe on Fire, whereby a Child was burnt in its Cradle; as were alſo three Cows, and all the Corn in the Barn. The Murderer was Nephew to the Man of the Houſe. He endeavour'd, when he had done this Feat, to drown himſelf; but was taken out of the Water, and has not only confeſs'd all theſe Murders, but has related every Circumſtance of them.

Paris, *Oct.* 29. The Concourſe of People to Abbot Paris's Grave is as great as ever, and with the ſame Succeſs, if you will believe them, as to the Miracles wrought there: But it is ſaid the Party that are againſt the Janſeniſts, have Intereſt enough to get that Body taken up, and removed to another Place.

Soon after the new Prince of Monaco and the Princeſs his Lady ſet out hence (ſome time ago to take Poſſeſſion of that Principality, there happened a very particular Accident about it. The Prince deſign'd (it ſeems) to have taken Poſſeſſion and Adminiſtration both, in his own Perſon ſingly, excluſively of the Princeſs, who was upon the Road with him, and was to know nothing of the Matter. However, the good Lady having ſome Suſpicion, ſhe reſolved to be before-hand with the Prince, if ſhe could frame ſome Excuſe, which would prevent his conceiting any thing like the Truth. She repreſented to him, how neceſſary it was for ſomebody to go before, and make the neceſſary Preparations for his Reception; at the ſame time offering him her Service. The Prince not dreaming of any ſiniſter Deſign in ſuch a Propoſal, made no Difficulty of cloſing with it; ſo away goes the Lady before, leaving her Husband to come after by eaſy Journeys: But being arrived at Monaco, he found to his great Surprize, that the Princeſs, as Daughter of the late Prince Antonio Grimaldi, had in that Quality taken Poſſeſſion of the Principality with all the Formalities; nay, that ſhe had procured herſelf to be recognized as the Only Rightful Sovereign; and that the Magiſtrates had taken an Oath of Fidelity, and the Vaſſals paid Homage to her, as ſuch. The Prince did all that was in his Power to prevail with his Lady to reſign to him by fair Means; but to no purpoſe: He then began to ſtorm and threaten her; without Effect. When he reproached her with a Treacherous Part ſhe had acted by him, the Princeſs gave him an Anſwer that made him Mad: She told him, among other things, *I conſider myſelf now as Queen* Anne, *and you*, Sir, *as* Prince George. Some ſay the Princeſs is in the right, becauſe ſhe is the late Prince of Monaco's Daughter, and her Husband's Title has no other Foundation than his Marriage with her, and the late Prince's Will. This Affair may be of bad Conſequence. The Prince is return'd hither, and the Princeſs ſtays behind at Monaco. After all, it is probable, the Lady would not have taken this Step, without ſome Diſguſt at her Husband for which (they ſay) he has given her too much Reaſon.

Paris, *Nov.* 1. We have received Advice from Seville, that the Infante Don Carlos ſet out thence the 20th paſt for Italy; and the Marquis de Caſtellar has been charged by his Catholick Majeſty to deſire the King to permit the Infante Don Carlos to paſs through Rouſſillon, Languedoc, and Provence.

Paul Sigiſmond de Montmorency Luxemburg, Duke de Chaſtillon, died here the 28th paſt, in the 68th Year of his Age.

Mary Anne Hyacinthe Viſdelou de Bienaſſis, Wife of Lewis Engilbert Count de la Mark, Colonel of the Regiment of Foot of his Name, died at Aix la Chapelle the 17th, in the 19th Year of her Age.

The ſecond Madame de France ſtill keeps her Chamber, not being recovered of her late Indiſpoſition.

Dublin, *Oct.* 16. A Bill is ordered to be brought into Parliament, that all Proceedings in Courts of Juſtice in this Kingdom, ſhall be read in the Engliſh Language.

This Week died the Right Hon. Sir Guſtavus Hume, Bart. Knight of the Shire for the County of Fermanagh.

On Wedneſday laſt about 200 Anchors of Brandy were ſeized on the North Strand, and brought up to the Cuſtom Houſe. And, we hear, that a Brigantine laden with Brandy and Tobacco was ſeized on our Coaſt by one of his Majeſty's Sloops.

Yeſterday at a General Aſſembly of the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, Aldermen and Common Council of this City, it was agreed to preſent His Grace our Lord Lieutenant, with his Freedom of this City in a Gold Box: And alſo to preſent Mr. Secretary Cary with his Freedom in a Silver Box.

This Week ſeveral Perſons were try'd at the Court of Oyer and Terminer, held at the King's Bench; five Men were condemn'd, three for Horſe Stealing, and two Conſtables for Street Robbery.

Dublin, *Oct.* 19. Johnſon, alias Griffith, who was apprehended ſome Time in September laſt, on Account of the Murder and Robbery of John Crake, the Linnen Carrier, near Drumcondra, was try'd Yeſterday at the Court of Oyer and Terminer, held at the King's Bench, and found Guilty of both. He is to be hang'd and quarter'd to Morrow.

Briſtol, *Oct.* 23. On Tueſday laſt, about Five o'Clock in the Evening, a Female of Human Species, aged about 50, and married ſome conſiderable Years to a Mariner now at Sea, and one that uſed to waſh Linnen for ſeveral Reputable Families in this City, with whom ſhe was in Eſteem, and bore an honeſt Character, was diſcover'd by two Women in the horrid Act of Beſtiality, naked to her Shift on her Bed, with a great Maſtiff Dog belonging to a Boat-Builder's Yard; the Women had Apartments in the ſame Houſe, on the Butts, behind Horſe Street, who were ſo ſtruck with Aſtoniſhment, that one of them ſwoon'd away at the amazing Spectacle. The Monſtreſs is ſince gone off, to avoid what Juſtice ſhe deſerves for ſo inhuman an Act; and her Daughter, who is grievouſly afflicted, is ſelling off her Goods. The Dog was kill'd Yeſterday by ſome Sailors.

LONDON.

Thurſday, about One o'Clock at Noon, their Majeſties, the Duke, and the Princeſſes, came to Town from Hampton Court, being eſcorted by a Party of the Body Guards to Fulham, from whence they were eſcorted by a Party of the Duke of Bolton's Horſe to Buckingham Houſe; and from thence to St. James's by a Party of the Horſe Guards.

His Royal Highneſs the Prince of Wales went from Hampton Court to his Houſe at Kew, where he dined, and came to St. James's in the Evening. And

The ſame Night their Majeſties, his Royal Highneſs the Prince of Wales, his Royal Highneſs Prince William, and the Princeſſes Royal, Amelia, Carolina, Mary, and Louiſa, together with a great Concourſe of Nobility, were at the Theatre Royal in Drury-Lane, to ſee the *London Merchant*, or the *True Tragical Story of George Barnwell*; with the Farce of the *Devil to Pay*.

Thurſday the new Lord Mayor was ſworn in at Guildhall, when the old Lord Mayor deliver'd up to him the Keys and other Regalias of the City with the uſual Formalities. And

Yeſterday the new Lord Mayor went by Water, with the uſual Formalities, to Weſtminſter-Hall, where he was ſworn in before the Barons of the Exchequer.

Thurſday about Two o'Clock, a Grand Council was held at St. James's.

The ſame Day an ancient Country Gentleman came to Mr. Marſhal's Shop in Ludgate-ſtreet to fit himſelf with a Pair of Spectacles, and putting his Hand in his Pocket, a Piſtol that was in it, ready charg'd and loaded, happen'd to go off, ſo that the Ball graz'd on his Thigh, and lodg'd in his Leg.

The Hon. Walter Cary, Eſq; Secretary to his Grace the Duke of Dorſet, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, one of the Clerks in Ordinary of his Majeſty's moſt Hon. Privy Council in England, a Privy Counſellor in Ireland, and a Member of the Houſe of Commons for the Borough of Clifton Dartmouth-Hardneſs in Devonſhire, was on the 17th Inſtant return'd duly elected a Member of the Houſe of Commons of Ireland, for the City of Clogher.

Tueſday laſt, between Five and Six in the Evening, Mr. Coltman, junior, of Southgate, going home in his Chariot, was ſtopt by two Highwaymen near Stamford Hill Turnpike. The Coachman not obſerving the Highwaymens firſt Sign to ſtop, one of them fired his Piſtol at the young Gentleman, which, by Providence, grazed only on his Arm. They robbed him of Two Half Guineas and his Sword, and then rode off towards Hackney.

We hear that Capt. Eaton, of the Coldſtream Regiment of Foot Guards, is to have the Earl of Albemarle's Company in the ſaid Regiment; and that the Hon. John Lumley, Eſq; Brother to the Right Hon. the Earl of Scarborough, is to ſucceed Capt. Eaton as Captain Lieutenant in the ſaid Regiment.

Extract of a Letter from Leghorn, *Oct.* 20.

This Morning arrived here the Biddeford Man of War, Capt. Barnsley, in four Days from Barcelona, where she left the United Fleet ready to sail, the Troops being imbarked, so that we expect them here in a Day or two. The Captain and another Person of Distinction landed here, and went Express for Florence with three Packets, one for our Great Duke, one for the British, and another for the Spanish, Resident.

Extract of a Letter from Barcelona, *Oct.* 21.

The United Fleet, consisting of 15 British Men of War, 20 Spanish, 7 Galleys, and many Transports, having on board about 7000 Soldiers Horse and Foot, sailed from hence the 17th Instant, early in the Morning, directly for Leghorn, and have had very fair Weather ever since; but the Wind having for two Days been fresh Easterly the Galleys and Barks which have the Horses on board, have been forced to put into Roses, to which Place Carpenters have been sent to mend the broken Stables. Two Spanish Men of War remain here to convoy 2000 Soldiers to Porto Longona and the Island of Elba, to change the Garrisons there; and they are now going to imbark on board the Transports.

The Rev. Mr. Thorold is to preach before the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen, at St. Paul's Cathedral the 5th of November, and the Rev. Dr. Middleton is appointed his Lordship's Chaplain.

Wednesday at a General Court of the Governors of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, holden at Goldsmiths Hall, Robert Gay, Esq; Member of Parliament for the City of Bath, and formerly Surgeon of the said House, was unanimously chosen Treasurer of the same, in the Room of Samuel Palmer, Esq; who has resigned.

Mr. Valentine Cummins *is* chosen Register to the Corporation of Clergymens Sons.

By an Express from Seville, we are assured, that Don Carlos was to set out from thence as Yesterday for this Place, and that he is to remain here until we hear of the Fleet's Arrival and Reception in Italy: From hence he is to proceed for Antibes, and there imbark for Leghorn.

George Robinson, Esq; late of Lombard street, one of the Representatives in Parliament for Great Marlow in Buckinghamshire, embarqued at Dover on Wednesday the 13th Instant for Calais, and it is said is arrived at Paris.

Mr. John Thompson, late Warehouse-keeper to the Charitable Corporation, and Mr. Martin O Conner, formely Secretary to the Company of Mine Adventurers, is said to have embarqued at the same time.

All the Foot Soldiers belonging to the three Regiments of Foot Guards, are ordered to get their Bel s and other Accoutrements clean'd; the Duke of Lorrain being expected to review them before he leaves England.

Wednesday the Hon. Court of Directors of the East India Company were pleased to appoint Capt Brown Commander of their Ship the Lynn, in the room of Capt. Edward Elliston, who hath resign'd; and we hear the said Ship with the Eight others now at Gravesend, have haul'd home their Top-sail Sheets, and will sail with the first fair Wind for the Downs.

Thursday William Jackson was committed to Newgate, by Justice Blagny, being charged with privately stealing several Goods of Value out of a dwelling House.

Early on Sunday Morning last, Timothy Gulley, Esq; of Chiswick, Captain in the second Regiment of Foot Guards, rose up in his Bed, and being asked by his Wife what was the Matter, said he was uneasy; whereupon she offered to fetch him any Thing; but he told her he would get it himself, and step'd out of Bed, took up one of his Pistols, which he clapp'd near his Ear, and discharged it, first saying, *God bew'ye, Nanny.* Surgeons were immediately sent for, who found two Balls were lodged in the Hinder Part of his Head, and they being difficult to extract, he bade them give him his Nut-crackers, and he would take them out himself. He lived till Tuesday Morning.

The Dutchess Dowager of Marlborough has given a Sword set with Diamonds, and a Pair of Diamond Buckles of great Value (which were presented to the late Duke of Marlborough by the present Emperor of Germany) to her Grandson, the Earl of Sunderland.

On Monday Evening a Turnkey, belonging to the Gatehouse Prison at Westminster, was committed to Newgate, by Sir John Gonson, John Mercer, Francis Burton, Samuel Saville, William Young, Oliver Lambert, Thomas Cotton, and Thomas Deveil, Esqrs; Eight of his Majesty's Justices, for inhumanly using the Prisoners in the said Goal, and particularly for ravishing and carnally knowing one of the Prisoners, against her Will.

The Candidates for Morning Preacher at St. John's Chappel near Red Lyon Street, are reduced to three, *viz.* Dr. Middleton of St. Brides, Mr. Smith of St. Giles's in the Fields, and Mr. Batty of St. Dunstan's in the West; and the Inhabitants are to choose one for his Grace the Duke of Montague's Approbation.

The great State Ball Room at St. James's is fitting up and beautifying, their Majesties, the Prince of Wales, and the three eldest Princesses, intending to dine in Publick every Sunday during the ensuing Winter.

The following Gentlemen are appointed to read the Lectures at Gresham College during the Term in the Morning at Nine o'Clock in Latin, and at Three o'Clock in the Afternoon in English, *viz.*

Mondays, John Bridgen, M. A. Divinity.
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On Tuesday the following Numbers came up Prizes in the present State Lottery, *viz.* 3176, 1000 l. 66,013, 500 l. 79,620, 15,375 44675. 11,064, 24,409, each 100 l.

Wednesday Numb. 28,571 came up a Prize of 1000 l. but it is not known who it belongs to; as did 15,340 a Prize of 500 l. and the following Numbers came up each a Prize of 100 l. viz 75 423, 916, 15,311, 16,063, 38,664, 19,244, 25,960, 2886, and 231 single 20 l. Prizes There were drawn on Wednesday 30 Prizes more than has been drawn in one Day since the Drawing the Lottery.

Thursday a Prize of One Thousand Pounds came up to the No. 60,835.

On Wednesday the 13th Instant a Letter was found on a Bench at Braintree, directed to Mr Robert Swift, an eminent Bay-maker in that Town, of which the following is a Copy:

To the Gentlemen of Blocking and Braintree.

THOSE that employ strange Weavers and Combers, and let their own poor Townsmen walk about starving if proceeding, shall be no mobbing; but we would have you consider Blandford's Misfortune. We desire you would not put upon the Poor any longer, for if you do, you shall know further, not by Letters, nor by Mobbing.

This Letter alarmed the Inhabitants, who offered Ten Pounds Reward for discovering the Author, or his or her Accomplices, and have kept strict Watch ever since.

BANKRUPTS since my last.

Benjamin Clement, of Diss, in the County of Norfolk.—Timothy Harding, of Fleet Ditch, London, Victualler.— George Minton, late of Seething Lane, London, Merchant.—Benjamin Carter, of Manningtree, in the County of Essex, Grocer.

Ecclesiastical Promotions. The Rev. Dr. Steadman, Chaplain to the Lord Bishop of London, is made one of the Prebendaries of S. Paul's.— The Rev. Mr. Cooke, Reader at St. Paul's Cathedral, is presented to the Vicarage of Hornsey ——The Rev. Dr. Foulkes, Canon of Christ Church, Canon Residentiary of Exeter, and Chaplain in Ordinary to his Majesty, was lately install'd Præcentor of the Church of Exeter.—The Rev. Mr. Furseman, Canon of Exeter, is install'd Chancellor of that Church, in the room of Dr. Foulkes. — His Grace the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, has been pleased to collate the Rev. Dean Lynch to the *Sine Cure* of Eynsford in Kent.

Deaths. Last Week died at Bath, the Rev. Dr. Atterbury, Brother to the late Bishop of Rochester. He was Vicar of Hornsey and Shiperton, both in Middlesex —Saturday died Mr. Oswald Hoskins, a noted Soap-Maker, at his House in St. John's Lane near Clerkenwell.— The same Day died the Lady of Major Whitfield, of Hatton Garden.—— The same Day died at Brentwood in Essex, Thomas Bealward, Esq;— —Sunday died the Lady Thorold, Sister to Sir Samuel Thorold, at her House in Little Ormond street.— The same Day died —— Powlet, Esq; at his Lodgings in Hand-Alley near Turnstile in Holborn.—— Wednesday died the Right Hon. Talbot Yelverton, Earl of Sussex, at his Seat at Easton Mandit near Ashby Bois in Northamptonshire. He was Deputy Earl Marshal of England, (appointed by his Majesty under his Grace the Duke of Norfolk) Knight of the most Hon. Order of the Bath, one of the Lords of his Majesty's most Hon. Privy Council, and one of the Members of the Royal Society.

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